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EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING: CSCE

1. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVED FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND'S TEXT ON THE NINE'S APPROACH TO BELGRADE. THAT SPEECH WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TODAY.
2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS FORWARDED A REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WILL MEET HERE NEXT WEEK, ON THE STATE OF EC PREPARATIONS FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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THERE WAS A LENGTHY ARGUMENT ABOUT WHETHER THAT REPORT TO MINISTERS SHOULD CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH NATO AS COMMUNITY POSITIONS EVOLVE. AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF THEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT -- WITH THE FRENCH AGAINST MOST OF THE REST -- A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ALLIANCE WAS INCLUDED. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS NEXT WEEK WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED

ON THE EXPERTS' WORK ON BASKET II, INCLUDING THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS, WHICH IS BEING HANDLED IN BRUSSELS.

3. THE DUTCH PAPER ON DETENTE WAS APPROVED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT NATO SHORTLY.

4. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO WERE GIVEN AN EXPERTS' PAPER ON THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION REQUIRED AT BELGRADE. HOWEVER, NOBODY HAD TIME TO READ IT AND DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. FINALLY, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ASKED THE CSCE EXPERTS TO PREPARE TWO ADDITIONAL PAPERS. ONE WILL SPECIFICALLY DISCUSS HOW TO CONDUCT AT BELGRADE THE EXAMINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND WHAT NEW PROPOSALS, IF ANY, THE WEST SHOULD PUT FORWARD. THE SECOND WILL ANALYZE THE OBJECTIVES AND TACTICS THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE WILL PURSUE AT THE CONFERENCE, WITH A SPECIAL EXAMINATION OF THE PARTICULARITIES OF THE ROMANIAN POSITION.

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